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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder H. E. White from St. John, 3d chapter, 6th and 7th verses, "That which is born of flesh, is flesh, &c., after which the delegates composing the Association convened in the house, and after prayer by Elder E, R. Berry, letters from the churches were read, which gave the information contained in the table of statistics.

First.—The Association organized by electing Elder Peter Maples, Moderator, and Elder J. S. Collins, Clerk of the Association.

Second.—Ministers of our faith and order were invited to seats with us.

Third.—Invitation for the accession of new churches was given.

Fourth.—Letters from corresponding Associations were called for, and the following received and read and messengers invited to seats with us.

One from Elk River Association, with minutes, by Elder T. G. Miller and Bro. A. Woods.

From Flint River Association, minutes, by Elders E. R. Berry and J. W. Bragg, but no letter.

From Mt. Zion Association, letter and minutes, by Elder C. Farris and Bro. C. Whitworth.

From Collins River Association, letter and minutes, by Elders H. W. Arlege and George Walker.

Fifth.—Appointed A. A. Grider, W. McC. Maples and F. T. Butler corresponding committee.

Sixth.—Appointed Elders James Austill, James Jett, J. P. Ivy and Brethren Moses Maples and Thomas Wilson, in connection with the Moderator and Clerk, to arrange further business of the Association and preaching at the stand.

Seventh.—On motion, Elders A. J. Wann, A. J. Willis and J. S. Collins were appointed to write and set forth to the Elk River Association the reason why the Sequachee Valley Association discontinued correspondence with us, and our action in the matter.

Eighth.—On motion by Moses Maples, the Association adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock,

Sunday Morning 10 O'clock.

The committee appointed Elders George Walker, T. G. Miller and E. R. Berry to occupy the stand for the day, and accordingly they came forward in the order of their names and preached to a large and well ordered congregation to the comfort and edification of God's children, and to the glory and honor of Him who works all things after the counsel of His own will, and we feel assured that the word preached is as bread cast upon the waters to be gathered not many days hence.

Elders C. Farris, J. W. Bragg and H. W. Arlege were appointed to preach on Monday, which they did to the comfort of the church, the glory of God, and to the exaltation of His sovereignty in the salvation of His people. "The Lord's portion is His people, Jacob is the lot of His inheritance."

Monday Morning 9 O'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment,

Praise and prayer by Elder T. G. Miller.

NINTH.—Called the roll.

TENTH.—The report of the Committee of Arrangements was read, received and the committee discharged.

ELEVENTH.—The Committee on Correspondence presented the following letters to corresponding Associations.

One to Elk River Association, Elders A. J. Wann A. J. Willis, J. S. Collins and Bro A. A. Grider to bear it to the church at Mt. Moriah, near Mulberry, Lincoln county, Tenn., to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1877.

To Mt. Zion Association, Elders H. E. White, John Branam, Peter Maples, James Jett and Brethren F. T. Butler and T. J. Pinkerton to bear it to the church, at Salem, Blount county, Ala., to commence on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1877.

To Flint River Association, Elders John Butler, A. J. Wann, John Branam, A. J. Willis, James Jett, S. Houk and J S. Collins to bear it to Hurricane church, Madison county, Ala., to commence on Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1877.

Collins River Association has changed her time of meeting to October, Saturday before the first Sunday. No delegates appointed until we meet again.

TWELVTH.—The First District meeting will be held with the church at New Hope, Jackson county, Ala., to commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1877. The Elders of the Second District are appointed to attend it.

THIRTEENTH.—The Second District meeting will be

held with the church at Blue Spring, Jackson county, Ala., to commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1877. The Elders of the First District are appointed to attend it.

FOURTEENTH —Appointed Elder A. J. Willis and Bro. F. T. Butler as Committee on Finance, who reported:

Present Contribution	$16 65
Balance in Treasury	4 60
Aggregate on Hand	$21 25

FIFTEENTH---The next Association will convene at Salem Church, Jackson county, Ala., six miles west of Stevenson Junction, N. & C., and M. & C. Railroads, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1877, and Elder M. Carter to preach the introductory sermon, Elder S. Houk his alternate.

SIXTEENTH.---Ordered by the Association that six hundred copies of these minutes be printed, and reserve eighty copies for corresponding Associations; that the Clerk superintend the printing and receive five dollars for his services.

SEVENTEENTH.---Appointed Elder J. P. Ivy to distribute the minutes in the First District, and Bro. J. R. Woodall to distribute them in Second District.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The committee appointed to set forth the reason why Sequachee Valley Association discontinued correspondence with us, made, read and adopted.

The messengers to Mt. Zion Association were instructed to inform them that correspondence with Wills Creek Association was discontinued by us, and that we request them to inform us whether they will continue correspondence with them; also, to inform them that we have no fellowship for members affiliating with secret organizations.

On motion, the Association adjourned, feeling that God, in His mercy, had been with us and abundantly blessed us, for which we thank and praise His Holy name.

PETER MAPLES, *Moderator.*

J. S. COLLINS, *Clerk*

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Dead.	Total.	Sabbath of Meeting.	Contribution.
FIRST DISTRICT										
Mud Creek,	Thos. Wilson, S. Parton, S. P. Hancock.†	0	0	0	0	0	1	21	2d.	$1 00
Providence,	J. P. Ivy,* L. D. Ivy, J. Potter.	0	0	2	0	0	0	19	3d.	1 00
Salem,	James Austill,* J. B. Grider, Wm. Lovelady	2	0	0	1	0	2	50	1st.	1 50
Sinking Cove,	No Intelligence								1st.	
Sardis,	J. S. Collins,* W. J. Swaim, Wm. Carter, F. P. Ivy.	0	0	3	2	0	1	64	3d.	1 00
Little Coon,	A. J. Willis.*	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	3d.	50
Shiloh,	E Holder, D. Holder, James Baker,	0	0	1	6	0	1	35	4th.	95
Estill's Fork,	M. Carter.*	0	0	0	0	0	1	42	4th	35
New Hope,	P. Cargile, A. A. Grider.	1	1	0	1	0	1	24	4th.	1 00
SECOND DISTRICT.										
Blue Spring,	H. E. White,* T. J. Pinkerton, J. W. Wright, John Sisk.	0	2	0	0	0	2	25	4th.	1 50
Union,	John Butler.* Simeon Houk,* A. J. Wann,* Moses Maples.	1	1	1	0	1	3	98	1st.	2 55
Mt. Pisgah,	James Jett.* D. Kennemore, W. H. Barclay, James Page.	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	3d.	1 00
Bethel,	Peter Maples,* John Branam.* J. R. Russell, F. T. Butler.	4	0	0	0	0	2	62	4th.	2 00
Standing Rock,	B. F. Walker, A. J. Tidwell, R. Whitacker.	0	0	0	1	0	0	22	2d.	1 00
Paint Rock,	Thomas Hall, Samuel Hall. Wm. McC. Manles.	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1st.	1 25
Bethany,	W. H. Tatum,† James Hancock. Benjamin Jett, L. Allen.	0	0	0	3	0	0	29	2d.	75
	Total.	8	4	7	14	1	14	541		$17 35

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